Charges for Plug and Sockets :

One time installation of Rs. 300-/ is payable. This will cover warranty for three years. If the facility requires replacement after the expiry of warranty of three years, then it shall be chargeable afresh at the prescribed rate of one time installation, which will carry a further warranty for three years.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) It is not possible to abolish rentals in respect of extensions to Main Telephone as recurring expenditure is to be incurred on its maintenance from time to time and since extension service is concurrent and concomitant with the service of the main telephone.

Applications from Freedom Fighters' widows

1496. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether applications have been received for freedom fighters pension from widows of freedom fighters who were given Tamra Patra, but who did not apply for freedom fighters pension, as they did not think it proper to take reward for their participation in freedom fighters struggle;

(b) if so, the number thereof;

(c) whether any such applications have been received from Haryana; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to expeditiously dispose of such cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) No separate record of such applications has been maintained. Such applications are processed expeditiously as and when they are received.

Safety of postal and other Central Government employees working in Jammu and Kashmir

1497. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure safety of Postal and other Central Government employees working in Jammu and Kashmir circle;

(b) whether any enquiry is being held against the conduct of SPOs Amravati; if so, what is the result thereof; and

(c) the number of periodical meetings held with the Bharatiya Postal Employees Federation at Directorate level so far; if no meeting has been held, what is the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) Government have taken steps to arrange for the stay of employees of Central Government at secure places.

(b) Yes, Sir. Suitable action will be taken after the outcome of the preliminary enquiries is known.

(c) It has recently been decided to extend the facility of periodical meetings at Central level to Bharatiya Postal Employees Federation.

Sale of Super computer to India by USA

1498. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that

the USA has agreed in principle to sell a super computer to India:

(b) if so, on what terms and whether the issue of export licence is subject to certain rigorous conditions; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) The Government of India is awaiting a decision of the US Government to license the sale of a super computer to Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

(b) The US Government has not yet communicated any details of the security regime which will be sought for this super computer.

(c) Does not arise.

US view on Afghan Affairs

1499. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the then Foreign Secretary during his US visit, found US view on Afghan Affairs to be much close to India's view in this respect:

(b) if so, what identity of views with India was noted by the then Foreign Secretary in US thinking; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) The visit was a continuation of the process of bilateral high level consultations between the two Governments. In addition to discussions on bilateral issues and the situation caused by Pakistani sponsored terrorism and various international issues including Afghanistan were discussed.

(b) and (c) India and USA have different views regarding political settlement of Afghanistani situation.

Budget allocation for the Department of Telecommunications

1500. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the budget allocation for the Department of Telecommunications for the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): The budget allocation for the Department of Telecommunications for the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

	1989-90	1990-91
Revenue Expenditure	3171.00	4166.57
Capital Expenditure	2305.00	2330.00
Total Demand :	5476.00	6496.57

Telephone Facilities to Villages in the Country

1501. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of villages, Statewise, which have not been provided telephone facilities, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): There are